TERRIBLE NEWES

FROM

Warwick, *Leiceſter*, and *Stafford-ſhire*. Declaring the Proceedings in each ſeverall County, from the 21. of *July*, to the 27. 1642.

Wherin is Diſcovered a great Conſpiracie againſt the Town of *Leiceſter*, and the Earl of *Stamford*, plotted by *M. Henrie Haſtings*, with three great skirmiſhes betwixt the ſaid *Haſtings*, and the Trained Band of *Liecester-ſhire*.

Alſo his Majeſties Reſolution concerning the County of *Warwicke*. And the *Parliaments Declaration* and *Reſolution* concerning the aforeſaid *Maſter Haſtings*.

Ordered, that this be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

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Horrible News from Leiceſterſhire, Staffordſhire, and Warwicke-ſhire.

THere hath bin ſince the 21. of this inſtant month of *July* many Feares and jealouſies entred and dived into the hearts of the Inhabitants of this County; by reaſon that they are in great hazzard of undergoing the like burthens, which the Northern Counties have done.

The firſt beginning was by reaſon of the proceedings of M. *Haſtings*, who ſo rigorouſly and violently doth proceed againſt thoſe that are well-affected to

to the *Parliament*, for within these few dayes he hath marched more boldly up and down the Country, then he did at his first comming.

He hath made many Onsets against the Earl of *Stamfords* House, where a great deal of the *Magazine* now remains, for the safety and security of the whole County, but he was fain to return again with some losse, having had many repulses at the said place.

He hath marched divers times towards *Leicester* and *Loughboraw*, not doin much harm, but now his followers with much Rigour and cruelty, begins to take mens horses and goods away by violence, seizing upon any thing that doth please their minds, with many more Terrible and Cruell impositions which the poor distressed Inhabitants are fain to undergo.

The Kings Majesty is resolved either to return to the North again, or else to come into *Warwick-shire*, and as it is thought, to put the *Commission of Array* in

in Execution, which ſtrikes terrour to the hearts of thoſe who are well affected to the *Parliament*.

Who are theſe but the Diſturbers of the peace of this Kingdom, which hath brought theſe Diſtractions upon us, the greateſt part of them being Catholicks, and members of the See of *Rome*.

Their wicked Deſigns and Practiſes hath very much diſtempered this whole Nation, and diſquieted this Kingdome, that the generall Body is now out of frame, even from the head to the foot; ſo that in the whole Body, there ſcarce remains any ſound part.

The Cavaleers have made three ſeverall aſſaults againſt the Lord *Stamfords* Houſe (thinking to ceize of the Ammunition therin) were valiantly Repulſed by the Earls ſervants, and the Trayned Band of that County.

And ſince all theſe, now within theſe few dayes, there was plotted ad invented a moſt Damnable and treacherous Conſpiracy againſt the town of *Leiceſter*.

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For wheras divers of the Cavaleers approaching neer the town of *Leiceſter* gave out many threatning Speeches againſt thoſe that were Well-wiſhers to the *Common-weal*, ſaying that there was an Arrow comming that would bring all ſuch to due obedience, and for their parts they were reſolved to take what they could, and to obey Mr. *Haſtings* Commands.

Where with much rigour and cruelty they take away mens goods and Cattell by force, doing much harm unto the ſaid County.

The Inhabitants ſeeing them proceed more and more in their cruell actions, reſolved to have a generall meeting, where they concluded, that there ſhould be 3. or 400. forthwith raiſed for the ſuppreſſing of them, and alſo took a ſolemn Oath, vowing and proteſting, that they will maintain the Priviledges of Parliament, the Laws of the Land, and the liberty of the Subject, with their lives and fortunes, againſt any that ſhal oppoſe them.

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The Commiſſion of Array is ſet up in *Staffordſhire*, and the Lord *Paget* expected to put it in execution, and that the Earl of Eſſex their old noble friend and Lieutenant, is now expected to meet him, which will hardly be in regard of his Excellencies great employment for the *weal publick*, So that now every one as his fancy leads him, takes vpon him with open invectives to cenſure his Majeſtie or Parliament, but the moſt bitter ones fly againſt the Parliament, one of note upon the bench at *Stafford* in Seſſions time.

Such things as theſe do raiſe diſputes, and ſet heart burnings one againſt another, and do preſent the Country like a Cockpit, one ſpurring againſt another, likewiſe the many threatnings of Papiſts amongſt us, as boldly mouthed, as if open Wars were already proclaimed, betwixt us, our Fears are renewed every night, we have put our ſelves into a poſture to defend our ſelves, but for ſo doing

ing are threatned without all measure God in his good time abate the pride of such as seek by evill courses the subversion of this flourishing Kingdom.

The Lords and Commons do also Declare, that the Sheriffe of *Leicester* hath indeavoured and laboured to keep the peace, when Mr. *Hastings* marched from *Loughborow* to *Leicester* with about 300. men, armed in a Warlike manner, was for his good service, put out of his Office, and Mr. *Hastings* made Sheriffe in his place.

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